GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4200
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2000
ASI PROTECTED MONUMENTS OF TAMIL NADU
P.D. ELANGOVAN

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the inventory of protected monuments by the Archaeological Survey of India in Tamil Nadu and the expenditure incurred on protecting and preserving each of the monuments during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Sankagiri Fort at Sankari in Salem District is a ASI protected monument;

(c) if so, the funds allocated for the preservation, protection of the Fort during the last five years, year-wise;

(d) whether recently, quarrying/blasting has taken place at Sankagiri Fort;

(e) if so, whether any action has been taken against the culprit; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a) There are 403 monuments and sites protected by the Archaeological Survey of India in Tamil Nadu.The expenditure incurred on protected monuments in Tamil Nadu in the last three years is as under :

```
1997-98  Rs. 1,00,76,240.00
1998-99  Rs.   88,10,025.00
1999-2000 Rs. 1,10,57,449.00
```

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Allocation of funds for preservation, protection of the Sankagiri Fort during last five years is as under:

```
1995-96  Rs.      504.00
1996-97  Rs.    8,937.00
1997-98  Rs.    2,594.00
1998-99  Rs.    3,959.00
1999-2000 Rs. 2,67,894.00
```

(d) & (e) No, Sir.

(f) Question does not arise.